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## Letter from S. H. Harris to "Dear Brother." 6 October 1871

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Dear Father

I write to you because  
I am your son and although  
you think me a very ungrateful  
son yet I can console myself  
that I am not for I can assure  
you that although you think  
so I am yet a most affection-  
ate son as ever lived. I want  
to come home but how to ask.  
I cannot tell. I cannot make  
you any promises because I do not  
as you know stand in any attitude  
to make promises, having made  
so many and violated everyone.  
If you will let me come home  
I will try and do better.  
Please write to me. Your affec<sup>d</sup> son  
O. W. Hambs.